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MARCH 31, 2005 MINUTES

The twenty-third meeting of the Los Angeles Regional Crime Laboratory Facility Authority was held March 31, 2005 at Los Angeles City Hall, Room 1060, 200 North Spring Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012

CALL TO ORDER

Chair William Bratton called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m. The following Directors were present constituting a quorum of the Authority:

William J. Bratton, Chief of Police, Los Angeles Police Department
William T. Fujioka, City Administrative Officer, City of Los Angeles
Leroy D. Baca, Sheriff, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 27, 2005 MINUTES

On motion of Director Fujioka, seconded by Director Baca, the Authority unanimously approved the January 27, 2005 minutes.

STAFF REPORTS

Status of Contracts' Executions: Mr. Davidson reported the following:

- S.J. Amoroso's contract of \$78,580,000 was executed on January 28, 2005
- Two change orders have been made (ten days in January 2005 and ten days in February 2005). Twenty non-compensable days have been issued due to inclement weather conditions encountered on the site.
- New project completion date is October 1, 2006, and Move-In/Occupancy is November 30, 2006
- Signet Laboratory's contract of \$843,737 was executed February 24, 2005.
- Fields Devereaux Harley Ellis (FDHE) contract has been issued, signed and is being reviewed by legal staff.
- Jacobs Facilities contract was executed on February 14, 2005 for \$3,578,322; since the facilities at Jacobs were crowded, an amendment was inserted requesting one additional trailer for inspectors.
- California Water Service one time service order contract was executed; Jim Hall will discuss the contract in further detail during his report on construction activities.
- A sewer fee of \$73,055 was executed March 3, 2005.

Director Baca suggested the City and County partner to develop an agreement to minimize various agencies and the need for their services to the Crime Lab project. Jim Hall advised the DWP lines contained transite (asbestos) and Jacobs Facilities did not want to tackle with a hazardous waste issue and impede the project's progression. Director Baca asked if the

sewer fee could be waived since the crime lab is a public project. Director Fujioka will research the possibility of waiving water fees associated with this project.

Status of Escrow Account: Mr. Mallon reported the County CAO and City CAO identified three banks that were acceptable to the JPA's; U.S. Bank offered to establish an escrow account in the price range of \$2,000 to \$18,000; City and County have signed the escrow agreement and the State is in the process of signing on as well, at which point will take four to five days to transfer the monies.

Construction Administration: Steve Moodie reported FDHE has staff in place. 89 RFI's have been submitted; building is seeking baseline certification as an energy efficient building, and has been registered with U.S. Green Building Council. A workshop was held with S.J. Amoroso wherein the contractor was issued an instructional manual on how to lead efficiently. Also, the building needs to be commissioned in order to ensure it performs as designed.

Construction Activities: Jim Hall reported the following:

- Met with Contractor at a pre-construction meeting on February 10, 2005 and agreed to enter RFI's online; contractor is in full compliance with staffing requirements, and should receive first draft of schedule by week's end.
- Construction site can be viewed at onsiteview.com; login/password is jacobs.la.
- Rebar will be inserted within two weeks and retaining walls are in place on both East and West sides.
- Contractor has exported more than 6,400 cubic yards of dirt. County Supervisor Gloria Molina has provided assistance in excavation efforts and the Puente Hills Landfill has accepted the excess dirt beyond its normal restrictions.
- Structural steel should arrive June 2005, and topping of the steel may happen by November 2005, followed by the enclosure of the building.
- Received 92 submittals, 17 percent of total submittal requirement, 35 were returned with 88 percent being accepted. The aging scale reflects these numbers. Two potential change orders one regarding the property encroachment which is estimated at \$4,000 - \$5,000 line item and structural details/RFI's are in the future.
- Three Civil Field Directives: Remove screening materials from the perimeter fence due to safety, removal of trees and modifications to bus stop pad.
- Average response time to RFI's: 7.5 days last month and 11 days this month
- California Water Service met with contractor regarding waterlines near and in the Cal State L.A. campus. Doty Bros. will be performing the off site utilities for the water lines; water mains were directly adjacent to the site while DWP's lines were up into the campus, which would have required additional construction on campus property. This will ensure the project is isolated to the site. California Water has been responsive and helpful and should have improvements completed within 1-2 weeks.
- Contractor's schedule should be submitted and available by the end of the week.
- Office of Emergency Services (OES) representatives requested the need for interim use of a conference room, and requested a meeting on April 13, 2005 to discuss possible room usage.
- Clint Yates, facilities complex manager, will review mechanical systems during construction of the project.

Director Baca inquired as to why OES needs access to a conference room. Mr. Hall stated OES is the funding mechanism in repaying the bonds.

CALIFORNIA FORENSIC SCIENCE INSTITUTE UPDATE

Rose Ochi, Executive Director, CFSI, reported the following:

- Request has been submitted, and letter signed by Chief Bratton has been forwarded to key legislators in California
- Met with Rep. Jerry Lewis and Senator Feinstein's office in an effort to obtain funding for a white paper request
- National Institute of Justice is supportive as long as we do not ask for earmarking of the \$2 million requested out of the research budget
- Meeting next week in Washington D.C. with a coalition on Forensic Science for a tech fair.
- Seeking an effort to raise money for forensic personnel training in emergency response; training will cover their roles and responsibilities in emergency situations.
- CFSI has been invited by Homeland Security and Office of Domestic Preparedness and requested a white paper to address these resources
- She met with members of the proposed National Forensic Resource during the American Association of Forensic Scientists annual meeting to develop consensus on the composition, funding level, and appropriate language
- Invited to partner with Georgetown University to address issues regarding civilian preparation.

CONSIDERATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Mallon reported the next Authority meeting is scheduled for May 26, 2005; three operating agreements are near completion; and plans to meet with Department of Justice to develop an MOU outlining their use of the CCI labs.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:34 a.m.